

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

17. (previously amended) A service system for determining when an item of equipment is located at a location where particular functionality of the equipment is authorized for use in accessing target data provided on a removable data carrier or in a received data file, the service system comprising:

- a communications sub-system for communicating with said equipment both to receive therefrom identity information concerning said target data, and to return to the equipment enablement signals for enabling said particular functionality for accessing the target data;

- a location-obtaining arrangement for obtaining current-location data representing the current location of the equipment;

- a store for storing in association with identity data, authorized-location data representing a predetermined authorized location or locality for operation of said particular functionality of the equipment;

- a data retrieval arrangement for using identity information received from the equipment via the communication sub-system to access the authorized-location data held in said store in respect of identity data matches the identity information; and

- a comparison arrangement for comparing the current-location data with the accessed authorized-location data whereby to generate a location-match signal upon this comparison indicating that the equipment is currently located in said authorized location or locality.

20. (previously presented) A control method for an item of equipment that is provided with particular functionality for using target data on a removable data carrier or in a received data file, the method involving testing a location condition by:

- (a) sending identity information identifying said target data from the equipment to a remote service system;
- (b) using the identity information at the service system to retrieve authorized-location data that is associated with the target data and represents a predetermined authorized location or locality for operation of said particular functionality of the equipment in relation to the associated target data;
- (c) obtaining at the service system current-location data representing the current location of the equipment as determined by means other than the equipment itself; and
- (d) comparing the current-location data with the authorized-location data and generating a location-match signal upon this comparison indicating that the equipment is currently located in said authorized location or locality.

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein in step (c) the current location data is obtained by the service system from a location determining system separate from the equipment.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 21, wherein the equipment communicates with the service system by a communications infrastructure comprising a cellular radio network, the location determining system using signals associated with the cellular radio network to determine the location of the equipment, and the remote service system obtaining said current-location data from the location determining system either directly or via the equipment.

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20,

wherein the identity information is provided to the equipment along with the target data and is accessed by the equipment for sending to the service system in step (a).

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein the service system returns an enabling code to the equipment upon said first location condition and any other conditions set to be tested at the service system being satisfied, the enabling code being used at the equipment to enable said functionality.

25. (previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the equipment periodically checks that the identity information associated with the target data currently being used by said functionality corresponds to the identity information for which the enabling code was provided.

26. (previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the enabling code is specific to a particular functionality of the equipment

27. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein the target data is encrypted and the service system returns a corresponding decryption key to the equipment upon said first location condition, and any other conditions set to be tested at the service system, being satisfied.

28. (previously presented) A service system according to claim 17, further comprising an authorization arrangement responsive to the generation of a location-match signal and successful testing for any further conditions set to be tested at the system, to return to the equipment enablement signals in the form of a code for enabling said functionality of the equipment.

29. (previously presented) A service system according to claim 17, further comprising an authorization arrangement responsive to the generation of a location-match signal and successful testing for any further conditions set to be tested at the system, is operative to return to the equipment enablement signals in the form of a decryption key for decrypting said target data.

30. (previously presented) A service system according to claim 17, wherein the location-obtaining arrangement is operative to obtain said current-location data from a location server of a cellular radio network used by the equipment.

31. (New) A control method for enabling equipment to decrypt encrypted target data stored on a removable data carrier or in a received data file, the method comprising:

 sending identity information identifying said target data from the equipment to a remote service system;

 using the identity information at the service system to retrieve authorised-location data that is associated with the target data and represents a predetermined authorised location or locality for decrypting the target data;

 obtaining at the service system current-location data representing the current location of the equipment as determined by a location-determining system separate from said equipment;

 comparing, at the service system, the current-location data with the authorised-location data and upon this comparison indicating that the equipment is currently located in said authorised location or locality, and subject to any other conditions set to be tested at the service system being

satisfied, returning a decryption key for the identified target data to said equipment; and

at said equipment, using the decryption key to decrypt the encrypted target data.

32. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein the equipment communicates with the service system by a communications infrastructure comprising a cellular radio network, the location determining system using signals associated with the cellular radio network to determine the location of the equipment, and the remote service system obtaining said current-location data from the location determining system either directly or via the equipment.